

Calls On Administration To Act Decisively: "Now Is The Time For Action"

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today calling for President Obama to impose crippling sanction on Iran in light of their continued progress towards nuclear weapons capability:

"Iran's steady progress in its nuclear program represents a severe threat to American national interests and an existential threat to our cherished ally Israel.

"Iran's acquisition of nuclear weapons could lead to the proliferation of these weapons throughout the Middle East and beyond, destabilizing the global non-proliferation regime and greatly increasing the likelihood of such weapons falling into the hands of terrorists.

"A nuclear-armed Tehran would assert greater influence over the region and amplify its interference in the domestic affairs of its neighbors, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan where our troops have made significant steps towards victory.

"Over a year ago, President Obama said there must be 'real and immediate consequences' for countries that defy their responsibilities under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. In light of this week's summit and Iran's continued intransigence, the international community led by the U.S. must act.

"I've joined colleagues from both sides of the aisle in drafting a letter urging the President to impose crippling sanctions on Iran immediately. With more than 360 Members of the House of Representatives signed onto this letter, it is clear that the will of the People's House is to move forward decisively.

"The hour is late. Now is the time for action."

Background:

Congressman Pence joined Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-IL) in writing a [letter](#) to President Obama, urging him to exert his "existing authority on Iran." Currently the letter has over 360 signatories, including 171 House Republicans.